

ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY



"WESTERN REGION"

December 23, 1996

Mr. Fred Austin
Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency
110 Union Street, Suite 500
Seattle Washington 98101-2038

Re: Notice of Construction Application No. 6708

Dear Mr. Austin;

In your November 14, 1996 letter, PSAPCA requested additional information addressing an alternate emission limit, other operating parameters, or other criteria to limit the kiln emissions during startup or shutdown periods to satisfy WAC 183-400-081. In order to meet your request, it will be necessary to conduct a test using the standby SO₂ emissions monitor to verify SO₂ emissions during the next preheat phase of kiln start up. The test will be conducted following the plant's maintenance shutdown scheduled in January 1997. The data obtained will be used to confirm the concentrations believed to be present during kiln preheating and if possible, permit a proposal of an alternate means of assuring compliance.

We appreciate PSAPCA's cooperation in this matter.

Please call should you have any questions.

Yours truly

Gerald J. Brown
Manager, Safety and Environmental

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